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"And everybody praised the Duke  
Who such a fight did win,"  
"But what good came of it at last?"  
Quoth little Peterkin.  
"Why that I cannot tell," said he,  
"But 'twas a famous victory."

After the Battle.

BY CHARLES BYERS COATES.

The sun was setting o'er kopje and veldt,  
The heat of the day no longer is felt —  
But alas! what a dreary sight:

Scattered around  
The dying and dead,  
Maimed and wounded,  
Bloody and red,  
Bruised and battered  
From foot to head,  
Torn and tattered,  
Their life-blood shed;

Men who for their monarch bled,  
Waiting for death and the night.

The Great Guns' throats are silent at last,  
The vulture gloats o'er his hateful repast,  
And darkness gathers around.

The streaming fire  
Of the Gatling gun,  
Shrapnell and bombshell  
At last are dumb,  
The ghastly work  
Of the day is done,  
And the horrors of  
The night begun.

Heroes are dying, one by one,  
Soaking their blood in the ground.

Friend and enemy, Briton and Boer,  
Lying around by the hundred score,  
Catching the moon's pale light.

Covered in blood  
And dust and sweat,  
Agony on each  
Feature set,  
Clutching the place,  
Quivering, gasping,  
Where the lead was met —  
Struggling yet —

Beating the air in the throes of Death,  
Rendering hideous night.

Who can describe with speech or pen  
That cry of a thousand suffering men  
That breaks on the horrified ear? —

Moan of anguish,  
Shriek of pain,  
Ravings fierce  
Of delirious brain  
Rising and falling  
And rising again,  
Mingled together  
In terrible strain,  
Like waves of a sea of agony,  
Filling the soul with fear.

And for what is all this bloody strife,  
This reckless slaughter of human life,  
What can such sacrifice mean?

'Tis but the way  
Of a nation great  
Settling account with  
Another State,  
Forming for ever  
A kingdom of hate  
'Twixt the two sides  
Of the human debate.

Paying the price with the lifeblood red  
Of the Soldiers of the Queen.

From the *Belgian Times and News*.

New Books.

ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS. By Austin Miles.  
New York: The Mershon Company. Cloth, 265 pages.  
Price, \$1.50.

Mr. Miles has spent some ten years collecting the data for this book. He has visited many different denominations and made personal observations as to their reasons for not reaching the masses. He describes the church as the "Father's Business," and depicts in the story, woven out of actual events, the inroads which social pleasures have made into the spiritual elements which ought to dominate the Christian body. Pious plutocrats come in for their share of discussion, as well as the preachers who lavish time and affection upon them.

THE CUSTOM OF BARTER. By Henry Western Miller.  
Kansas City: Press of Burd & Fletcher Printing Co.  
Paper, 242 pages. Price, 50 cents.

This book is a study in coöperation and fraternity. "The custom of barter," it says, "is the law of compensation in the social state. All natural rights inhere in this custom, and they are the basis of all that just government." "This divine custom, when not perverted, produces coöperation and fraternity, which insures equality of opportunity and freedom from debt, with an abundance of the comforts and luxuries of life for all." The author advocates the naturalization of money and the abolition of all interest, as a means by which money can be brought to do its full service in society. The discussion is enriched with quotations from many authors, in order to throw as much light as possible on the present economic state of society, "for which iniquity very few attempt to offer a remedy." The book is strongly pervaded with a pacific, Christian spirit.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, held at Buffalo,  
August 28-30, 1899. Philadelphia: Dando Printing &  
Publishing Co.

The report contains, in addition to the minutes of the meeting and the papers read, a list of the members and also of all the bar associations in the United States. The report of the committee on international law is a very valuable one. It contains the various arbitration proposals presented to the Hague Conference, and the convention for the pacific settlement of international controversies adopted by the Conference.

THE MILITARY REGIME IN THE UNITED STATES.  
By Henry Souillard. Published by the University of Toulouse, France.

THE ARBITRAL CLAUSE AND PERMANENT TREATIES  
OF ARBITRATION in Modern International Law. By  
Edouard Langlade. Also published by the University  
of Toulouse.

Both these treatises, which are in French, were presented to the law faculty of the University of Toulouse as theses for the doctor's degree.